

» **NEPA Assignment (23 U.S.C. 327):**

under NEPA, including EAs and EISs. States are assigned the

» **CE Assignment (23 U.S.C. 326):**

funding agency as an intermediary. It gives states a seat at the

More control can also mean more flexibility. When recently

biggest benefits I observed was the ability to innovate without

could flex and become more efficient.

benefits to the public sooner. If you can complete major

Q. WHY HAVEN'T MORE STATES USED THEM? WHAT ARE THE DRAWBACKS OR HURDLES?

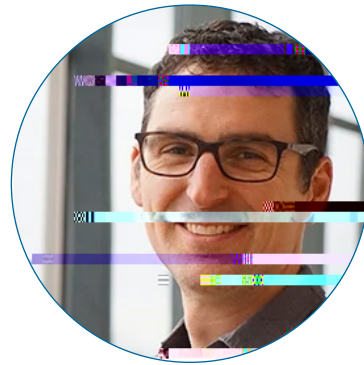
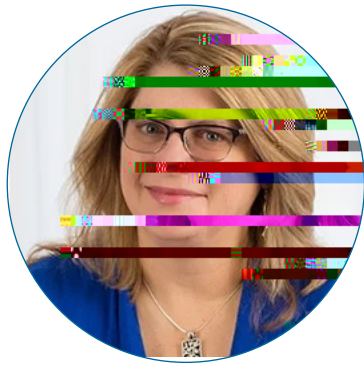
Nulton: The hesitations can vary. In the case of this new

NEPA Assignment agreement. Only seven states currently

When pursuing CE or NEPA Assignment, some states may have

some also deal with the EA/EIS process much less often, with a handful of projects every few years, making the benefits less

Relying on the expertise of those who have gone through it



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